

Today

False Prosperity.  
Oil Is Healthy, Thanks.  
Fat Shoat for Harding.  
It's a Substitute Age.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE  
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TO forbid immigration of labor from Europe is a crime against this nation, against its prosperity, growth and security. The United States needs labor to produce, consume and develop this nation's resources. The immigration laws should be changed. For their protection, business men must discount part of the apparent prosperity.

Cities and States are turning out tax-exempt bonds by the thousands of millions. Very rich men will buy all the taxpayers will allow printed.

Fifteen thousand millions is the present total of these tax-free bonds. As fast as they get it. States and cities spend the money on the usual extravagant, grafting basis that goes with public contracts. Labor is employed, materials are bought, artificial appearance of prosperity is created. A heavy load of interest and future taxes is piled up for city people and farmers to pay. Seven hundred and fifty millions a year, at least, is the interest on these securities already issued.

MEN with big fortunes will collect that interest, paying not a cent of tax to the Government on it. Little people everywhere will be taxed to pay it. By and by the output of reckless bond issues will cease, but the interest will continue. A few very rich men will hold tax-free heavy mortgages on cities and States throughout the nation for years to come.

THE country is running in debt like a drunk or crazy man to oblige tax dodgers and pile up woe for the taxpayers. It is a first-class joke on the little people. They will have to pay Government cost that the big men dodge and pay for the bonds as well.

THE nation should end the stupid tax exemption on billions of securities. That will be done if we ever get a really radical vote.

President Harding has protested against the tax dodging, but he has not done anything and can't do anything. The tax dodgers do not own him, but they own this particular Government.

HOW is your business doing? The oil business is doing pretty well, thanks. The Buckeye pipeline pays an extra dividend of \$25 a share, Indiana pipeline pays \$20 extra. Both pay "regular" \$16 dividends. Do you suggest Government regulation of oil and gasoline prices? Why, that would be socialism. True, Government did regulate the price of wheat, preventing profiteering by farmers. But farmers and oil companies are different.

SOMEONE sent a fat shoat to President Harding. A shoat is a young hog. The White House does not know who sent the shoat. Perhaps it's a stock dividend from some farmer. If the President sold that pig he would have to pay income tax on the amount. But stock dividends from oil companies worth tens of millions are not "income" and can't be taxed. Corporations should pray night and morning for the continued health of certain judges that were well selected.

IT SEEMS that men are hired as substitutes to serve terms in jail when sensitive men with money are convicted. The authorities are agitated, but it's an old deal. Men hire substitutes in their bar examinations, civil service, and other examinations. That is very common, a regular business in New York.

It was once the thing to hire a substitute in war. One distinguished American did that and later was Secretary of War. The nation's taxes are paid by silly little substitutes, the big men dodging.

THANK President Harding for his fight in favor of a ship subsidy. Senator Borah (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

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## PROGRESSIVES OUT FOR CONGRESS CONTROL

### KU KLUX KLAN IS ASSAILED BY SECRETARY DENBY; CLEMENCEAU WILL TAKE UP FRENCH DEBT WITH U. S.

#### AGED "TIGER" GETS OVATION AS HE LANDS IN NEW YORK

Declares He Will Kill for All  
Time Impression France  
Has Imperialistic Ambitions.

PLEASED AT RECEPTION

Denies He Will Ask America  
For Cancellation of War  
Debts Due From the Allies.

By HARRY L. ROGERS,  
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NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—  
Georges Clemenceau, eighty-  
one-year-old fighting states-  
man of France, who received  
a tremendous ovation upon  
his arrival here today, will  
lose no time in taking up the  
all-important question of the  
French debt to the United  
States, it was learned offi-  
cially tonight.

Highly pleased with the reception accorded him in the city he had not seen for fifty years, the former French premier was determined to make the most of the opportunity to bring home to the American people the things which he considers to be of vital importance to the welfare of his country.

As the veteran leader stated at City Hall today one of the primary objects of his visit is to kill for all time in America the impression that France is either militaristic or imperialistic.

Being a practical man, however, he realizes the question of debts and reparations is fundamental, and he makes no bones about saying so.

Throughout his speaking tour in the United States, "The Tiger" will stress the importance of this question. He will state in most positive terms, it is learned on high authority, that France cannot pay immediately her war debt to the United States of more than three billion dollars, and that this debt cannot be paid at all unless France receives her just indemnities from Germany.

Clemenceau positively will not ask for cancellation of the debt, it is stated. He will endeavor to convince Americans, however, that Germany by an unprovoked and aggressive war caused France a loss of more than 150,000,000,000 gold francs, to say nothing of the loss in human life and suffering. He will cite the fact that France had a war death toll of 1,700,000 of the flower of her manhood out of a population of approximately 38,000,000, and that there are in addition 300,000 other Frenchmen totally disabled and a charge upon the government, with more than a million others partially disabled.

He will show that a thirteenth part of the area of France, and this the richest industrial section, has been devastated, including 23,000 factories and 741,883 other buildings, a region which formerly paid the highest tax of any other part of the country.

Not only has this region paid no

#### Liner Leviathan Will Be Ocean's Queen, But Dry

THE big liner Leviathan, now being refitted at Norfolk for passenger-carrying duty on the Atlantic, will be queen of the American merchant marine, but a dry queen.

The United States Shipping Board made public last night in an eight-page announcement the luxurious accommodations that are being arranged for on the Leviathan by a force of 2,500 men.

There will be everything that a modern hotel boasts—elevator system, telephone system, fire protection, water-tight compartments, swimming pools, electric servants in the galleys—everything except a bar.

#### EBERT PERSUADES CUNO TO 'CARRY ON'

German Business Man Quits  
Task of Forming Cabinet,  
Then Reconsiders.

By S. D. WEYER,  
International News Service  
Correspondent.

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—After informing President Ebert that he could not form a new cabinet in succession to the Wirth ministry, because of party strife, Wilhelm Cuno reconsidered his decision tonight. He will take up again the task of creating a new government tomorrow.

The Wirth cabinet fell when Socialists refused to work with any representative of the so-called Stinnes party. It was understood, however, that the Socialists had agreed to the "inclusion of a Stinnes man" in the new ministry if he were given some such post as foreign secretary, where he could not interfere with domestic affairs.

Germany is without a cabinet at a time when delicate new negotiations are pending with the allies. The allied powers have just complained to Germany through the council of ambassadors that the Germans for some months past have been violating the military clauses of the treaty of Versailles and that, in consequence, all possibility of the withdrawal of the military control commission from Berlin is ended for the present.

#### Passenger Agent Found Dead In Golf Club Lake

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 18.—The body of H. C. Bailey, fifty-three, district passenger agent of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, a former resident of Louisville, Ky., was found late today in a lake at a golf club here. The coroner ordered an investigation. Relatives said they knew no reason to suspect suicide.

#### Washington Gets 1923 Convention United Daughters Of Confederacy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 18.—The 1923 convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in Washington.

The convention, in its closing session here today, accepted the invitation of the delegates from the nation's capital which was extended by the president of the District of Columbia division, Mrs. Walter E. Hutton.

The convention was closed with a message from former President Wilson, acknowledging receipt of a message from the delegates in assembly wishing him good health and greetings from those present. A motion was adopted this afternoon extending the sympathies of

#### RED TAPE VICTIM, VET TAKES POISON

Virginian, Refused Food and  
Lodging at Bureau, Tries  
"The Easiest Way."

IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Suicide Attempt Made in  
Legion Headquarters in Pres-  
ence of Executive Officer.

Another veteran of the world war, baffled by fine-drawn regulations of the Veterans' Bureau, tried the "easiest way out" in Washington yesterday.

Following a fruitless interview with Capt. A. E. Haan, manager for the Fourth district of the bureau, A. John Camper, thirty-three years old, of Alvarado, Washington county, Va., walked into the offices of the District of Columbia department, American Legion 1423 New York avenue, issued a battered suitcase under the desk of I. H. Horton, executive officer, remarking: "Keep it. I won't need it again."

Horton wasn't quick enough to prevent this action, but he lost no time in summoning aid. In an ambulance Camper was rushed to Mt. Alto Hospital and a stomach pump was applied. He was reported doing well early in the evening, and not in danger of death.

REFUSED RAIL FARE.

The records of the bureau show that Camper enlisted in the army in 1913 and saw service in the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines and the world war. For a while he received compensation, but months ago the award was held to be erroneous and was cancelled. October 24 he applied for examination for suspected tuberculosis. Four days ago army surgeons at Walter Reed hospital, where he had been observed, reported negative findings, and Camper was discharged. They offered him, as usual, his railway fare back home, but he is said to have refused it.

WANTS LAW REWRITTEN.

"The whole law regarding the Veterans' Bureau will have to be rewritten," declared Alexander M. Bremer, commander of Stuart-Walcott Post, American Legion, who came into headquarters not long after Camper had been taken to Mt. Alto. "We have advocated for months an amendment that will allow the bureau to provide food and a place to sleep for veterans coming here to adjust claims."

#### WILSON RECEIVES OVATION.

Former President Woodrow Wilson was tendered an impromptu reception last night by theatergoers as he emerged from a downtown theater. The crowd jammed the block to get a glimpse of him as he drove away in his car.

#### DENBY FLAYS KLAN AS FOE TO LIBERTY

Secretary of Navy Tells East-  
ern Star Religious Freedom  
Is In Danger.

SEES POLITICAL MENACE

No Secret Order Has Right to  
Direct Vote, He  
Declares.

By Universal Service.

A vigorous assault upon the Ku Klux Klan was made by Secretary of the Navy Denby in an address before the national convention of the Order of Eastern Star here last night.

Although he did not mention the Ku Klux Klan by name, the Secretary left no doubt that it was that organization to which he referred. Nothing more dangerous "to the continued mental and spiritual health of the republic could well be conceived than such societies," the Secretary declared. He added:

OBEEDIENCE FUNDAMENTAL.

"The fundamental law of what we term a 'law-abiding country' is, and must be, obedience to law. When any community or body of men or women within a community disregard the orderly processes of the law, a blow is struck at the roots of the republic."

"Religious freedom is the most sacred possession of free peoples. Yet if we are to believe the tales told with such seeming truth and so frequently, religious freedom itself is menaced in certain parts of this country."

"There is no harm in religious zeal sanely and properly displayed, but in this country neither excessive propaganda nor acts of suppression have any place. The law of the republic must govern or chaos will ensue. I have a right to tell my neighbor what I believe and to convince him in a peaceful manner, if I can, that I am right. I have no right whatever, alone or in combination with others, to inflict injury or humiliation upon him if he adheres to his form of belief."

ATTACKS POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

"In this country any secret order, no matter how harmless its secrets may be, which invades the realm of politics and strives to control the destinies of our country, or the government of our States and cities, is objectionable. There is no room in a free democracy such as ours for persons who wish to combine in secret and take oaths that compel them to act in concert in matters governmental. Freedom to vote without external restraint is as clear a right as freedom to vote in secret. A man's franchise is his own, no more to be sworn away than to be sold away."

#### Fish Urges Committees

On Vets' Legislation

By Universal Service.  
Appointment of standing committees on ex-service men's legislation by both houses of Congress was advocated by Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York yesterday in a conference with President Harding at the White House.

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For Near East Parley

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#### Call Issued To Progressives

Under the slogan "On Guard for the People," Senator La Follette, in beginning his fight for Progressive control of Congress, sent out invitations for two conferences. The Progressives in the present Senate and House are called to meet here Friday, December 1. Representative Progressive men and women throughout the country are summoned to meet here December 2.

The formal invitations were issued by the People's Legislative Service, a Progressive organization formed two years ago, of which Senator La Follette is chairman; Representative Huddleston of Alabama, vice chairman, and William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, secretary-treasurer.

That the general conference will "include leading Progressives not already actively affiliated with the People's Legislative Service" is emphasized in the official announcement of the two calls. "The people have done all that could be done at this election to express their will that this Government shall be genuinely progressive," it is declared in the invitation for this conference.

#### DE VALERA APPEALS FOR CHILDERS' LIFE

Protests Execution of His  
Chief Aid at Bidding of  
England.

By International News Service.

DUBLIN, Nov. 18.—Eamonn de Valera, this afternoon issued an appeal to the nation protesting against execution of Erskine Childers, his chief military aid.

"If Childers is shot by Irishmen at the bidding of England, we shall be slaves for slaves," his appeal read. The appeal was issued from the rebel leader's hiding place.

Childers, who was on trial yesterday, and is held incommunicado, was one of De Valera's chief military lieutenants. He was arrested recently while attending a republican "war council" near Wicklow.

Dramatic scenes were enacted outside of Mt. Joy prison, where Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney, of Cork, is entering the third week of her hunger strike. Mary's sister, Annie MacSwiney, who came here from Cork, is standing sentinel at the gates of the prison and has undertaken a hunger strike, threatening to starve herself to death unless her sister is released.

Crowds of women gathered about Annie throughout the day, kneeling in prayer. She tried to get into the prison to see her sister, but was refused admittance. She claims that the prison guards turned a hose on her in an effort to drive her from her post.

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#### NEWBERRY AWAITS ADVICE OF FRIENDS

Ready to "Fight or Quit" at  
Word of Men Who Got  
Him In.

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DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 18.—Declaring he is not a politician and that he has been an involuntary actor in the drama the first act of which saw his friends persuading him to make the fight for the Senate, Senator Truman H. Newberry, in an interview tonight, declared he is ready to fight or quit on the word of the men who he says "got him into this thing in the first place."

Dispatches from Washington, will be confronted with enough votes in the Senate to oust him should he decide to "face the music," doesn't know what they want him to do.

Hoped-for conferences with friends and advisers have not materialized. He doesn't even know tonight whether he is going to leave Detroit tomorrow for Washington to attend the special session of Congress until he consults political advisers in Washington.

"What are you going to do?" Mr. Newberry was asked.

S Senator Newberry tilted back in his chair, looked out the window and smiled a broad smile that mingled with amusement and derision. "I am going to talk to my friends first," he said. "I will do just as they think best."

#### \$50,000,000 Heiress Realizes Her

Ambition and Will Sing in Opera

By International News Service.  
CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—She's twenty-four, petite, pretty and heiress to a \$50,000,000 estate. Her money could buy her anything she wanted, except the one thing she desired most—to sing in grand opera.

But tonight Dorothy Cannon, heiress to the estate of Leonard C. Cannon, is on the verge of realizing this greatest ambition. She's to take the part of the flower maiden in "Parsifal" in the Chicago Civic Opera Company's presentation tomorrow afternoon.

Not easily has the recognition been won, according to the heiress. While she's really a "regular flapper down deep," Miss Cannon has given up lots of enjoyment in order that she might put in her regular daily practice of six hours.

She gave up everything except golf and a month of horseback riding at Hot Springs, Va., every summer.

"It's been awfully hard not to race around like all my girl friends," she said. "But I just said to myself: 'If I'm going to be an opera star I can't be a frivolous young woman, and I've chosen.'"

Miss Cannon's estate came from her uncle, a former rich importer of teas and coffees. It includes, among other things, a big house at 843 Park avenue, New York, a country place at Bay Shore, Long Island, a big house in Shanghai, China, and a yacht, named "Dorothy."

#### LA FOLLETTE, BACK IN CITY, CHALLENGES "OLD GUARD"

Anti-Conservative Members of  
Both Branches Called to  
Conferences on Dec. 1 and 2.

WOULD RULE BOTH HOUSES

Bangs Fist on Desk to Empha-  
size Battle Cry, Declaring  
Election Calls for Action.

By WINDER R. HARRIS,  
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"Fighting Boy" La Follette came back to Washington yesterday and issued a formal declaration of war on all reactionaries, conservatives and standpatters for control of the Sixty-eighth Congress.

The Wisconsin senator served notice that the group of Progressives who will hold the balance of power after March 4 will wield this power to dictate the reorganization of both Senate and House.

The challenge and calls to conferences made it plain that the full strength of the progressive elements also will be thrown against every item of reactionary legislation on the Administration program and in support of "accepted progressive principles and policies."

Banging his fist on his desk to emphasize his battle cry, La Follette declared the election of November 7 created a situation that "calls for definite action on the part of progressives in Congress."

CANNOT IGNORE MANDATE.

"The people have given them a mandate which cannot be ignored," he said. "The time has now come for the organization of a well-defined group, co-operating in support of accepted progressive principles and policies. The announced program of the Administration makes plain the necessity for immediate action."

"No one can be unmindful of the fact that the election has created such a close division in Congress that the progressive delegation from a single State holds the balance of power in the House of Representatives. Correspondingly a group of eight or ten progressives may act with equal effectiveness in the Senate."

#### NEED WISCONSIN VOTES.

Senator La Follette obviously had in mind the Wisconsin delegation in his reference to the situation in the House. With a majority of only fifteen over the Democrats and a plurality of eighteen over all the Republicans, it is quite apparent, must have the ten Wisconsin progressive Republicans with them if they are to organize the House. These ten Representatives are La Follette forces. They must be satisfied if the G. O. P. is to reorganize the House. Only a progressive reorganization will meet their demands.

The Senator continued: "Within the past two months I have talked with influential men and women, including a number of

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